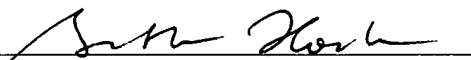




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Applicants : Jeong S. Lee et al.
Filed : December 4, 2001
Title : **CATHETER SHAFT JUNCTION HAVING A POLYMERIC
REINFORCING MEMBER WITH A HIGH GLASS
TRANSITION TEMPERATURE**
Art Unit : 3763
Examiner : Matthew F. DeSanto
Docket No.: : ACSC 60308 (2864P)
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action of December 31, 2003, the response for which is due March 31, 2004. Please amend and reconsider the above-referenced application.

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